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POSTAL REGULATORY  
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re: Closure of Alplaus Community Post Office  
Contract No. 089480-02-Z-0155

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Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

Office of PAGR

The Postal Service has informed us of a decision to close the Alplaus Community Post Office by January 6, 2012. This action is being taken by USPS, it says, as a result of a collective bargaining agreement recently entered into with the United Postal Workers Union.

The Postal Service's decision to close our Post Office and provide mail delivery service raises questions concerning the sanctity of the mail and the risks involved in rural box delivery. We also foresee inconveniences in purchasing money orders and stamps and sending accountable mail. We have the same concerns regarding the receipt of accountable mail, such as certified letters, registered letters and COD's.

Our specific objections to the method in which USPS has chosen to close our Post Office are as follows:

1. USPS failed to follow proper procedures as set forth in 39 US Code Section 404(d) concerning the closure "of any Post Office . . ." in that USPS did not provide adequate notice of its intention to close the Alplaus Community Post Office at least 60 days prior to the proposed date of such closing to persons served by such Post Office, including those who have signed below, to insure that such persons will have a opportunity to present their views. The first notice any of the undersigned received concerning the intended closure was after USPS sent the contract Postmaster, Kathleen Boyle, a letter dated October 28, 2011, which letter she received on November 4, 2011 (see copy attached) notifying her of the closure. There was no invitation for public comment of any kind in that letter nor in any posting or other correspondence with any of the undersigned.
2. USPS did not consider the effect of such closing on the community served by the Post Office or whether such closing is consistent with a policy of the government, so as to provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal service to the Alplaus Community, nor the loss of revenue, nor lack of economic savings, to USPS resulting from such closure, as is required by 39 USC Section 404 (d)2. In fact, no explanation was given in the letter for the closure except that it was required by the terms of a collective bargaining agreement with the United Postal

Workers Union. After we were notified of the intended closure we received a personal visit from a local UPW official who told us that the closure was not requested by UPW and was, in fact, simply offered to UPW by USPS in a recent collective bargaining session.

3. With respect to the effect of the closure on those served by the Alplaus Community Post Office, that effect is serious and negative in that there is no good alternative for the residents of the Alplaus Postal District for mail services. The closest alternative Post Office is in another town, on a main New York State highway, where postal rental boxes are only available in limited numbers as most of the available boxes are already rented. Additionally, many Alplaus residents, especially elderly postal customers, walk to the Post Office and either cannot drive or prefer not to drive to another town in order to send and receive their mail and to purchase other postal services. Neither do any of the current postal box rental customers want to bear the expense of installing a rural delivery box or digging a post hole when winter is upon us.
4. Many of the undersigned Alplaus Community Post Office customers do not want rural delivery due to security concerns inasmuch as access to private rural boxes can be gained by anyone. Many of the undersigned have either home businesses or operate actual commercial businesses and cannot leave valuable packages and/or mailings in an insecure rural mailbox. This fact, combined with the lack of available rental boxes in alternative Post Offices presents a serious problem for many of the undersigned customers of the Alplaus Community Post Office.
5. USPS has not considered the loss of revenue it will incur by closing the Alplaus Community Post Office. The Alplaus Post Office generates approximately \$40,000.00 of profit for USPS each year. This profit is calculated by subtracting the Contract Postmaster's salary of \$22,000.00 from the gross annual revenues of approximately \$62,000.00. USPS has no expenses related to the operation of the Alplaus Community Post Office except to have one of its employees drop off a bag of mail each morning and another employee pick up a bag of mail each evening, as part of their normal route. The \$40,000.00 annual profit for USPS will not be recovered by other post offices because there are not enough rental boxes in those other post offices. Additionally, USPS will have to pay more to the rural delivery postal employees to serve those homes added to the rural delivery routes as a result of the closure of the Alplaus Community Post Office. There is also a UPS Store located at about the same distance from the Alplaus Community Post Office as the closest alternative post office.
6. In sum, the undersigned feel that USPS has failed in its obligations under 39 US Code Section 404 to provide proper notice to the customers affected by the closure, or to properly consider the effects of such closure or to notify any of the affected postal customers of the reasons for its actions, other than to simply blame the closure on the United Postal Workers Union.



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Customer Product and Fulfillment Category Management Center



October 28, 2011

Kathleen Boyle  
P.O. Box 87  
Alplaus, NY 12008-0087

Re: Alplaus CPO - Contract No. 089480-02-Z-0155

Dear Kathleen Boyle,

As a result of an agreement with the American Postal Workers Union, this letter is to notify you that the Alplaus CPO, Contract Number 089480-02-Z-0155, is being terminated effective close of business on January 6, 2012. The Postal Service hereby exercises its legal right to terminate with 60 days written notice pursuant to Section C, Item 1.b of your contract.

Please acknowledge receipt and acceptance of this notification by completing Blocks 15A, B, & C on the attached Modification to Contract 004, and return to Attn: Diana Heyburn, 3300 S Parker Rd Suite 400, Aurora CO 80014-3500 or fax to 303-743-1208. Once the signed modification is received you will be provided an executed copy of the agreement for your files.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 303-743-1304 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diana L. Heyburn".

Diana L. Heyburn  
Purchasing Specialist (Contractor)

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AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT		1. CONTRACT ID CODE	PAGE 1 OF 1
2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. 004	3. EFFECTIVE DATE 10/28/2011	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO.	5. PROJECT NO. (If applicable)
6. ISSUED BY Diana L. Hevburn Alternate Access/CPAC/CPU Customer Products & Fulfillment CMC United States Postal Service 3300 South Parker Road, Suite 400 Aurora CO 80014-3500 303-743-1304		7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than Item 6) Alternate Access/CPAC/CPU Customer Products & Fulfillment CMC United States Postal Service 3300 South Parker Road, Suite 400 Aurora CO 80014-3500	
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., street, county, State and ZIP Code)  KATHLEEN BOYLE ATTN KATHLEEN BOYLE P O BOX 87 ALPLAUS NY 12008-0087		9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO.  9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11)  X 10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO. 089480-00-2-0122  10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 10/28/2011	
SUPPLIER CODE 000034509		FACILITY CODE 00000000	

11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS  
☐ is extended ☐ not extended

Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods: (a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning \_\_\_\_\_ copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment number. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.

12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required.)  
 See Schedule

13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS. IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.

(X)	A. THIS CHANGE BY CLAUSE IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify clause) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.
[X]	SECTION C - DELIVERY/PERFORMANCE - ITEM 1.B
[ ]	B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14.
[ ]	C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF: THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.
[X]	D. OTHER (such as no cost change/cancellation, termination, etc.) (Specify type of modification and authority): THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A 60 DAY NOTICE OF TERMINATION

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor ☐ is not, ☒ is required to sign this document and return 1 copies to the issuing office.  
 14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)

AS A RESULT OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE AMERICAN POSTAL WORKERS UNION, THIS IS YOUR 60 DAY WRITTEN NOTICE THAT THIS CONTRACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMINATION CLAUSE WILL TERMINATE IN ITS ENTIRETY AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JANUARY 6, -2012.

COR / MANAGER AN AUDIT MUST BE COMPLETED NO LATER THAN THE ABOVE DATE. ALL POSTAL SERVICE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES MUST BE RETURNED TO THE US POSTAL SERVICE AT THAT TIME.

UPON COMPLETION OF THE FINANCIAL AUDIT AND RECOVERY OF ALL SHORTAGES (IF APPLICABLE) THE COR WILL ISSUE A LETTER TO THE SUPPLIER (IF REQUESTED) TO RELEASE THE SUPPLIERS BOND.  
 Period of Performance: 12/01/2001 to 01/06/2012

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print) X		16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print) MARYANNE MOORE	
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR X (Signature of person authorized to sign)	15C. DATE SIGNED X	16B. CONTRACT AUTHORITY (Signature of Contracting Officer)	16C. DATE SIGNED



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